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A2 ~~Chelate-forming~~ functional groups to be introduced into a molecule of the fiber~~s~~.

On page 10, ~~lines~~ 16-17, change "in a fiber molecule" to

A3 ~~in~~ a molecule of a natural fiber and/or a regenerated fiber~~s~~;

line 18, change "the fiber" to --these fibers--;

line 22, change "carbon" to --carbons--; and

From page 11, line 24 to page 12, line 1, change "any of natural fibers, regenerated fibers, and synthetic fibers can be employed" to ~~[-~~ natural fibers and/or regenerated fibers can be employed--.

On page 13, ~~delete~~ lines 7-10.

On page 14, ~~line~~ 8, change "into a fiber molecule" to ~~[-~~ into a molecule of a natural fiber and/or a regenerated fiber--.

A5 line 14, change "filter," to --filter can be obtained--;

line 16, change "directly with" to --directly,-- and change "group" to --group,--;

lines 17-18, change "formula (2), has a chelate-capturing capability." to --formula (2).--;

line 18, insert the new paragraph, ~~[-~~ The chelate-forming fiber having the introduced chelate-forming functional group ^{chelate-capturing capability} represented by the general formula (1) has a satisfactory ~~^~~ to

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metalloid ions. -- followed by the phrase starting with "As shown in the".

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On page 32, line 22, change "The type of base fiber" to --The type of natural fibers and regenerated fibers--.

On page 33, line 1, insert --and-- before "viscose rayon";
lines 1-3, change "fibers; and polyamides, acrylic, polyesters, and other various synthetic fibers." to --fibers.--; and

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line 5, change "base fibers" to --natural fibers and/or regenerated fibers--.

On page 47, line 14, change "Cu, Zn, Ni, and Co each about 50 ppm" to --each about 50 ppm of Cu, Zn, Ni and Co--.

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On Page 48, line 4, change "The use of the chelate-forming filter having both" to --By using a natural fiber and/or a regenerated fiber as a filter material and introducing a specific functional group having--;

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lines 6-7, change "and a removing capability to insoluble impurities as a filter material" to --into the fiber molecule, the invention can provide a chelate-forming filter which--;

line 9, change "be treated to thereby" to --be

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treated. The use of the chelate-forming filter can--; and